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| TOPIC Pay Reductions in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Observations at the Priort Railroad Station | |
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1. [redacted] the pay of regular soldiers and officers had been reduced by amounts up to 40 percent. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Soviet officers and soldiers received only about 60 percent of their former pay. In June a Soviet captain received 600 eastmarks instead of 1,000 eastmarks. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] the pay of officers and reenlisted personnel had been considerably reduced. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] allegedly received 200 eastmarks less than previously. [redacted] A lieutenant [redacted] in a [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] oebritz commissary [redacted] sales had considerably decreased during the last weeks, reportedly because of pay reductions. [redacted] 25X1
4. In late June, a number of Soviet officers with families daily left the Priort railroad station and went on leave. The officers, who drank quite a lot in the restaurant at the station, talked repeatedly about an 8 week leave in the USSR, and stated that they would return without dependents. [redacted] 25X1

Comment: In view of the information in paragraph 4 of the present report, there is reason to believe that the pay was not actually reduced but kept back in order to prevent the returning Soviet families from excessive buying in German shops. It could not be determined whether all Soviet families were to return to the USSR, or whether the pertinent military personnel had completed their term of service in East Germany. No other indications of a retransfer of Soviet families are available. [redacted] 25X1

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